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DEPARTMENT PASS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: SENV, CS
SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS: SAFETY OF ASBESTOS WATER PIPE

1. THE EMBASSY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE EPA CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF ASBESTOS PIPE FOR WATER SUPPLY USE. A SUBURB OF SAN JOSE HAS BEGUN INSTALLING PIPE OF THIS TYPE AND RESIDENTS OF THE AREA HAVE INQUIRED WHETHER THERE IS A RISK OF CANCER FROM INGESTION OF ASBESTOS FIBERS THAT MIGHT SEPARATE THEMSELVES FROM THE PIPE.

2. AN OFFICER OF THE LOCAL FIRM THAT MANUFACTURES THE PIPE (RICALIT) ASSERTS THAT ASBESTOS IS ONLY A CANCER RISK TO THOSE WHO INHALE ASBESTOS PARTICLES INTO THE LUNGS, AND THAT EVEN IF ASBESTOS WERE HARMFUL WHEN SWALLOWED THE WATER PIPES WOULD NOT POSE A HAZARD BECAUSE THE ASBESTOS IS STRONGLY BOUND TOGETHER IN THE PROCESS OF MANUFACTURING THE PIPE AND WOULD NOT SEPARATE AND ENTER WATER PASSING THROUGH THE PIPE. THE FIRM THAT MANUFACTURES THE PIPE HERE IS LOCALLY OWNED, BUT USED TO BE PARTIALLY OWNED BY JOHNS MANVILLE.
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